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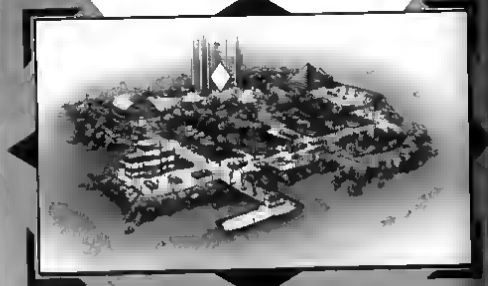
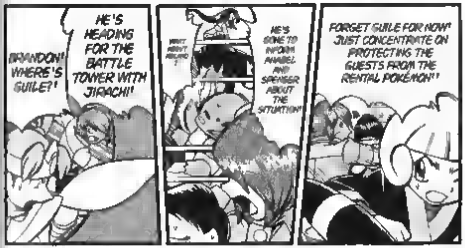
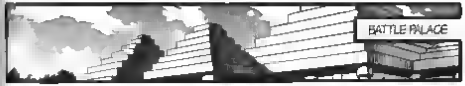



BRANDON! WHERE'S GUILE?!
HE'S HEADING FOR THE BATTLE TOWER WITH JIRACHI!
WAIT, WHAT ABOUT GUILE?!
HE'S GONE TO INFORM ANABEL AND SPENSER ABOUT THE SITUATION!
FORGET GUILE FOR NOW! JUST CONCENTRATE ON PROTECTING THE GUESTS FROM THE RENTAL POKÉMON!!



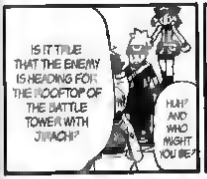
WHOA!!
W-WHAT'S HAPPENING THERE?!
LET'S GO FIND OUT!
FLICKER
HOLD ON TIGHT!
WHOOSH
...WHY IS IT SO NOISY OUTSIDE?
ROOOR

WHY...
...ISN'T ANABEL RESPONDING?!

I'VE ALREADY TOLD SPENSER ABOUT THE SITUATION...
H-HI...
WHAT'S HAPPENED TO HERE?
COULD SHE'VE BEGUN...?!

LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO GO TO THE TOWER TO FIND THAT OUT FOR MYSELF!
WE HAVE TO PUT AN END TO THIS BEFORE NIGHTFALL ...!!
EMERALD!!
AH!! NO-LAND!!

HATS...


IS IT TRUE THAT THE ENEMY IS HEADING FOR THE ROOFTOP OF THE BATTLE TOWER WITH JIRACHI?
HUH? AND WHO MIGHT YOU BE?

I'M RUBY AND SHE'S SAPPHIRE!
WE'RE HERE TO HELP EMERALD CAPTURE JIRACHI AND RESOLVE THE PROBLEM!

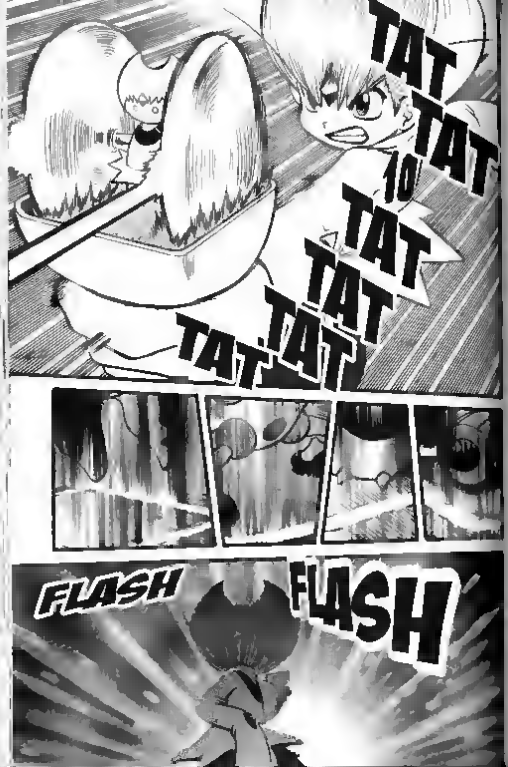
ALL THREE OF US ARE TRAINERS WHO HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED WITH THE POKÉDEX!
WE'RE THE HOENN POKEDEX TRIO!!
HEY!! SINCE WHEN DID I BECOME PART OF YOUR TRIO?!

WELL, IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE SOUND OF "HOENN POKEDEX TRIO", HOW ABOUT "THE THREE CONQUERORS" THEN?
IS SOMETHING WRONG?
HUH?

RUBY'S "CONQUERED ALL THE CONTESTS" IN HOENN BEFORE, WHILE I'VE "CONQUERED ALL THE GYMS"!
SO IF YOU CAN "CONQUER THE BATTLE FRONTIER"

...WE'LL BECOME THE THREE COMMANDERS!!
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT!!
I HAVE NO INTENTION OF HANGING OUT WITH SCALDS ANY MORE THAN NECESS...
RUSTLE RUSTLE
BAM
BAM
FWOOSSH
EEP! WHAT THE...?!
IT'S THE RENTAL POKÉMON FROM MY FACILITY THAT GUILE'S RELEASED AROUND THE FRONTIER! I HADN'T EXPECTED THEM TO COME ALL THE WAY HERE...!!

EMERALD! WHERE ARE YOUR POKÉMON?!
THEY'RE ALL...
...BACK AT THE PALACE.
BUT THIS IS AN EMERGENCY, SO IS IT OKAY THAT I BORROW A FEW OF THESE RENTAL POKÉMON, NOLAND?
YEAH... THESE GUYS ARE BEING MANIPULATED BY THAT GUILE FELLA, RIGHT?
JUST LIKE THE WAY HE MANIPULATED MY SCEPTILE!!
NOW THEN...
CLICK
THE FEW...
...THAT LOOK ESPECIALLY...


TAT
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FLASH
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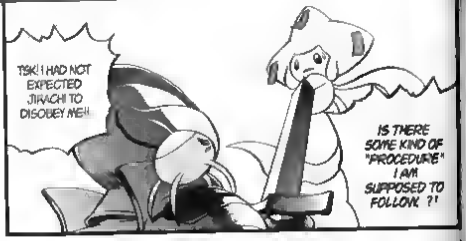
OH MY!
SNORLAX! MR. MIME! MANTINE! MAMILE!
FOLLOW ME
DA
SH
BANG

RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
EMERALD... SO YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO CALM PROMISING POKÉMON, I SEE...

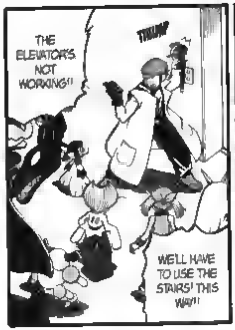
VERY WELL... I'LL BE MORE THAN HAPPY TO LEND YOU MY POKÉMON!
SHORLAX...
MMMM...
...AND MR. MIME ARE YOURS TO TAKE ALONG!
MAMBLE WILL COME WITH ME! WE'LL TAKE THE ELEVATOR ALL THE WAY TO THE TOP FLOOR!

SO THOSE WORTHLESS THINGS...
ARE ALREADY HERE!!

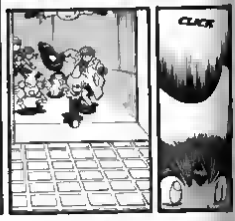
THEY'VE MANAGED TO CATCH UP QUICKER THAN I THOUGHT.
GRIP
GRRR.
JIRACHI ??
RETREAT
WHY DO YOU REFUSE TO GRANT ME MY WISH?!


TSK! I HAD NOT EXPECTED JIHACHI TO DISOBEY ME!!
IS THERE SOME KIND OF "PROCEDURE" I AM SUPPOSED TO FOLLOW...?!

GRRR... NEVER MIND THAT! I'LL HAVE TO TRY TO BUY SOME TIME UNTIL I CAN FIND OUT WHAT EXACTLY IS MISSING...
AND YOU WILL HELP ME


THE ELEVATOR'S NOT WORKING!!
THUMP
WE'LL HAVE TO USE THE STAIRS! THIS WAY!!

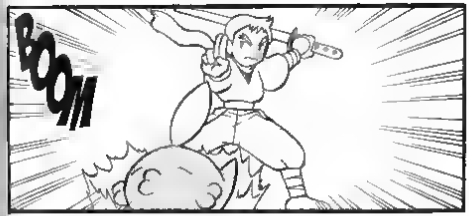
DASH


CLICK

W-WHAT'S THIS?!
THIS IS... THE LIGHTING USED FOR POKÉMON MATCHES!!

THESE LIGHTS ONLY COME ON WHEN THE BATTLE TOWER IS GETTING READY TO TAKE ON A CHALLENGER!!
WH? WHAT...?

VOOM


BOOM!!

IT'S A VIRTUAL TRAINER AND A RENTAL POKÉMON!!
WHAT?!

THATS...